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Applicant(s): Hironori SUMITOMO and Koji FUJIWARA
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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

These comments relate to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 26, 2006, which provides for a response period ending December 26, 2006.

The Transmittal of Issue Fee is being filed concurrently herewith.

Comments begin on page 2 of this document.

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Comments on The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance dated December 22, 2006

Reply to Notice of Allowability of September 26, 2006

COMMENTS

These comments relate to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance included in the Notice of Allowability mailed on September 26, 2006.

We respectfully point out that the characteristics of the invention that the examiner identifies is not present in all of the claims. We believe that these characteristics are not necessary for all claims to be allowable

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